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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONSERVATION OFFICERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall appoint such
4 number of conservation officers as may be necessary for the efficient
5 execution of the duties of the department under section 26-6. The total
6 number of such conservation officers appointed shall not be less than
7 fifty-seven for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, not less than sixty-
8 five for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and not less than
9 seventy-five for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The
10 commissioner may supplement the regular conservation officer force
11 by appointing as special conservation officer or as patrolman any
12 employee of the department. Each conservation officer, special
13 conservation officer or patrolman shall complete a police training
14 course at the state police training school or an equivalent course
15 approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Special conservation
16 officers and patrolmen shall be entitled to the same benefits to which

17 conservation officers are entitled under the provisions of section 5-142;
18 and such an appointment shall be deemed not to be in conflict with
19 any of the provisions of chapter 67. In addition to their salaries,
20 conservation officers, special conservation officers and patrolmen shall
21 be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in performance of official
22 duty.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-5
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